

NEWSNOTES

McGuire to celebrate 62nd Air Force birthday

Col. Gina Grosso, 87th Air Base Wing commander, would like to invite all Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors to a celebration of the 62nd Birthday of the United States Air Force.

To celebrate, there will be a luncheon Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the McGuire AFB Community Center, Bldg. 2705.

To view your invitation, visit <https://cinvitations.afit.edu/AFBirthDayCelebration/anim.cfm>. For more information, call the McGuire AFB Protocol Office at 754-2405.

All-Ranks/Civilian Commanders Call set

An All-Ranks/Civilian Commanders Call will be held on McGuire Air Force Base Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Hangar #3336. All Joint Base military and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend. Transportation plans will be posted on the Joint Base Web site, www.jointbasemdl.af.mil

Joint Base Dining Out scheduled for October

The Joint Base Dining Out will be held Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. in the McGuire AFB Community Center, Bldg. 2705. Tickets are \$50 for Officers and \$40 for all other servicemembers. Attire will be mess dress/semi-formal for military and formal for civilians.

Meal choices will include chicken or steak portofino with potatoes, a vegetable, garden salad and French chocolate mousse for dessert. Wine will also be available at each table. Special requests may be made for vegetarian dishes.

Seats are limited, so visit <https://cinvitations.afit.edu/JointBaseDiningOut/anim.cfm> by Sept. 23 to RSVP.

Flu shots available for active-duty personnel

Effective immediately, all active-duty personnel may proceed to the 87th Medical Group Immunization Clinic, Bldg. 3458 for their seasonal flu vaccination. The clinic will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is not the H1N1 Flu vaccine, this is the seasonal flu vaccine. Active duty personnel may receive the vaccine one of two ways: (1) the FluMist, a live attenuated nasal vaccine or (2) Alfluria, an inactivated injectable vaccine.

Vaccines will be distributed based on availability, i.e., if personnel can receive the FluMist, they will not elect to take Alfluria because that is your preference. For more information on the seasonal flu vaccination, call the Immunizations Clinic at 754-9209. Updated information can be found on the Joint Base MDL Web site at www.mcguire.af.mil

Help is available

In need of crisis intervention and support? Do you, or someone you know, need help? Call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or the Outreach Center at 866-966-1020.

Weather

FRIDAY -- Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s, lows in the mid 50s.

SATURDAY -- Sunny skies with highs in the low 70s, lows in the low 50s.

SUNDAY -- Partly cloudy with highs in the low 70s, lows in the upper 50s.

MONDAY -- Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s, lows in the low 60s.

TUESDAY -- Mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s, lows in the low 60s.

Change tops Town Hall agenda

David Moore
Editor

As the date of Oct. 1 approaches for full operations of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Army leaders highlighted the challenges of transition and executing operations during a post Town Hall Meeting held at Club Dix Sept. 8.

Col. Patrick Slowey, Fort Dix commander, said while Oct. 1 is a very important date, it is a mark that begins a year of transition for the installation. But he also reminded workers it was a time for change.

"You cannot stop time and you cannot live in the past," Slowey said.

The post commander said while other posts and bases are closing or losing missions, Fort Dix contin-

ues its mission of training and mobilization. As the Army reduces its 15 power projection platforms, the post will be one of six enduring mobilization training centers as the installation evolves into an Army Support Activity.

"It is not going to be easy ... The hardest part of this plan will be the execution."
-- Col. Patrick Slowey, Fort Dix commander

Slowey cited the task of demobilizing the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Fort Dix as a great accomplishment

take on the challenge of returning 4,200 Citizen Soldiers back to their home stations and civilian lives.

"We have a proud legacy over the last 92 years. We have been training and preparing the Ultimate Weapon to win on the battlefield and it remains our priority effort today and in the future," Slowey said.

He said the transition of the post does not leave the Army Support Activity as a subordinate to the joint base, but as a partner. But, he stressed, Oct. 1 serves as the benchmark to begin the execution phase of joint basing.

"It is not going to be easy ... the hardest part of this plan will be the execution," Slowey said.

After the commander's remarks, Col. Joseph M. Poth, deputy joint base commander, was introduced to the Fort Dix workers who attended the meeting.

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Joint Base MDL lists federal job vacancies

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst officials are encouraging qualified applicants to actively monitor www.usajobs.gov in order to apply through the Web site for several federal civilian job vacancies in various career fields and pay grades.

"Many of the positions will be created as a result of the ongoing joint-basing initiative, in which McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station are merging into one installation in an effort to streamline

operations. The USAJobs notification e-mails through the Web site. Up to 10 "Search Agents" can be created through the site, each with different job-search criteria. The USAJobs "Search Agents" will automatically send notification e-mails containing direct links to new job postings on the site that match the applicant's search criteria.

All applicants will be subject to background checks and, if hired, will require security clearances to gain access to the installation.

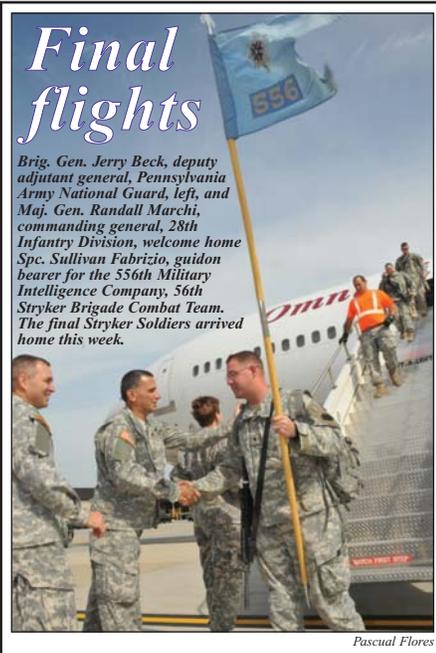
Approximately 50 positions are also available for Air Reserve Technicians (ART), Davern said. An ART carries dual status, working as a

For more information about civilian employment opportunities at the joint base, call the Civilian Personnel Office at 754-5691 or visit www.jointbasemdl.af.mil

full-time Department of Defense civil service employee while performing the same job as a reservist in an Air Force Reserve Command unit. For available ART positions, visit www.AFRC.af.mil/library/jobs.

For more information about civilian employment opportunities at the joint base, call the Civilian Personnel Office at 754-5691 or visit www.jointbasemdl.af.mil, and click on the Joint Base MDL Civilian Employment Opportunities link for step-by-step instructions on how to subscribe to automatic job notification e-mails through the USAJobs Web site.

It is also recommended that appli-



Final flights

Brig. Gen. Jerry Beck, deputy adjutant general, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, left, and Maj. Gen. Randall Marchi, commanding general, 28th Infantry Division, welcome home Spc. Sullivan Fabrizio, guidon bearer for the 56th Military Intelligence Company, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. The final Stryker Soldiers arrived home this week.

Pascual Flores

Navy implements Lakehurst-designed system

September 10, 2009. SAN DIEGO (NWS) — USS Peleliu (LHA 5) became the first ship in the Navy to implement the amphibious low-light surveillance system (ALSS) recently while in port San Diego.

Peleliu's ALSS provides for safer evolutions by allowing operational leaders more visibility of spaces on the ship wider, zoomable views of places the old camera system covered.

"We installed 29 cameras, which can be controlled from eight stations throughout the ship," said Dan Bischoff, project leader for Naval Air Systems

Command in Lakehurst, N.J. "A combination of fixed and movable cameras with zoom capability will help cover the flight deck, well deck, waterline, hangar bay, vehicle stowage and engineering spaces."

Bischoff estimated the implementation of ALSS from start to finish cost more than \$1 million and was completed by a team effort of professionals from General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company.

Bischoff said the bombing of the USS Cole (DDG 67) on Oct. 12, 2000, influenced the planning of ALSS.

"Originally the ALSS was going to be used primarily for flight deck and amphibious operations only, but the Cole incident showed the benefits of being able to remotely monitor engineering spaces," said Bischoff. "So, the designs were changed and the concept grew."

Bischoff added that the ALSS works well with Peleliu's new green well deck and primary flight control tower's lighting, which provides for safe night vision device operations.

Another practical use of ALSS is video surveillance, helping to assist the

ship's security force.

"This system is better than the last one we had," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Ronald Maples, security leading petty officer. "It has better clarity, detail and definition. Before, we could barely make out if someone on the pier approaching the ship was a male or female, but now we can actually tell specifically who it is."

Maples said the new system's steerable zooming features enable the ship's security force to track "persons of interest" near the ship, which the old system's cameras could not do.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Carlos Cintron

REMEMBRANCE -- Students, parents and teachers participate in a Freedom March at the Columbia School Sept. 11 on McGuire Air Force Base. Before the Freedom March began, a moment of silence was held to remember victims and heroes of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Joint Base events commemorate 9/11

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

America will always remember.

In an inspiring ceremony at the Fort Dix Main Chapel Sept. 11, Installation Commander Col. Patrick Slowey and Fort Dix Chap. (Col.) Thomas Brouillard placed a wreath for victims of terrorism.

Brouillard expressed his feelings as he recalled helping victims of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon.

"I was sitting in my cubicle the Monday of the 11th. Someone said a plane had hit the first tower and I thought it was just a small plane. I went back to work," Brouillard recalled. Then he was called to the conference room to watch events unfold on a big-screen television.

"We heard a voice say a plane had just hit the second tower and thought it was just hysteria. Then my boss called from the Pentagon and said for every chaplain to get over there, to double-time it."

The chaplains were stopped, Brouillard said, by armed personnel. He didn't know who they were, but they were let through to the crash site only after being approved.

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Joint training prepares Airmen

Tech. Sgt. Paul R. Evans
U.S. Air Force Expeditionary
Center

Since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, security forces Airmen have been fighting on the joint operations battlefield.

The career field has evolved from air base defense operations to missions "outside the wire" with sister services including the U.S. Army, security forces have changed exponentially. Their transformation has given birth to a focus on technology and more combat-oriented training.

To provide security forces Airmen relevant education for an ever-changing battlefield, contingency skills instructors Tech. Sgt. Shaylin Butler and Staff Sgt. Cecil Evans, from the from the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's 421st Combat Training Squadron, partnered with Army Sgt. 1st Class Gary Johnson and his mobilized training team from the 3rd Training Support Battalion, 312th Regiment, Fort Meade, Md. Sergeant Johnson and his team were initially mobilized to the Fort Dix area of the joint base in order to train Soldiers to operate and care for the Blue Force Tracker, or BFT.

"Blue Force Tracker is a Global Positioning System-enabled system that provides military commanders and forces with location information about friendly and hostile military forces," Johnson said. "It provides leaders at all levels with greater situational awareness, command and control, and aids in eliminating the time required to decipher the battlefield."

Butler said he understood this type of technology is vital to security forces Airmen who have to conduct "outside the wire" missions. He then developed a plan to bring this training to the USAF Expeditionary Center.

"When I started this project



Tech. Sgt. Paul R. Evans

BE PREPARED – Security Forces Airmen receive vital training from contingency skills instructor, Staff Sgt. Cecil Evans, in the operation of Blue Force Tracker Aug. 29 during their pre-deployment training conducted by the 421st Combat Training Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The Blue Force Tracker is a system that gives air and ground units and their commanders a real-time picture of the battlefield.

over a year ago, I immediately solicited the assistance of Sgt. 1st Class Johnson and his staff of U.S. Army BFT Trainers," Butler said.

"Sgt. Johnson guided me through the entire process of determining the type of hardware and software to purchase, including classroom setup."

Just recently, Evans spent 30 days with Army BFT trainers learning the system. After completing this extensive training, Evans said he is eager to teach deploying security forces Airmen how to digitally communicate on today's battlefield.

"Blue Force Tracker is a phenomenal system that allows the truck commander and leaded leaders in a convoy operation to talk to each other and the tactical operations center in real-time,"

Evans said. "This standardized system allows us to work with our sister services and receive mission updates, situational awareness, and ultimately mission success."

Butler said this training effort is another example of the Expeditionary Center "breaking ground" by getting Airmen to teach a class not normally taught by Airmen.

"By doing this, it helps alleviate some of the demand placed on the Army by reducing the Air Force's demand for their training," Butler said.

Currently, security forces Airmen are the only ones receiving this training at the Expeditionary Center and the 421st CTS. However, there are plans on the horizon to offer this training to all Air Force personnel, regardless

of specialty.

In referencing the ability to build this training in a little more than a year's time, Butler said, "Without exceptional support from the Expeditionary Center's leadership, network and facilities team, and especially Sgt. Johnson and his team, this class wouldn't be happening today."

Butler said there are countless man-hours invested in this training, but the effort is well worth it.

Both Butler and Johnson believe their greatest contribution is having the privilege to give the warfighter quality training and easing the stress of knowing who's out there.

"It's about seeing the students get reunited with their families because of effective and relevant training," Johnson said.

Chairman of Joint Chiefs answers questions at virtual meeting

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, 2009 – An endeavor that began about a month ago comes to fruition today with the airing of the first virtual town hall meeting in which the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff answers questions posed online by servicemembers and the public.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen fielded four questions from servicemembers and other parties interested in military issues during the "Ask the Chairman" event. The questions were submitted online via YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, with the goal of providing people a forum to ask questions or offer insights and get direct feedback.

"I actually look forward ... to be able to answer questions from around the world," Mullen told the Pentagon Channel's host of the program, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Krauss. "It's an opportunity to connect in a way that I haven't had before, so I'm excited about it."

Mullen's first question, a YouTube submission, came from an Army captain with two Iraq tours under his belt. He won-

dered if lessons learned in Iraq are being applied in Afghanistan.

"As we shift our main effort from Iraq to Afghanistan, which we're doing right now, we have to be careful about the lessons that we apply. Clearly the counterinsurgency lessons do apply," Mullen said. "We need to be in Afghanistan in what I call the clear, hold, and build [posture]."

The Afghanistan campaign is different from that in Iraq, though, Mullen said. "We need very much to focus on the people," he added. "We ... have to be patient, get to know the people. It's going to take some time."

It's also crucial for the Defense Department to work with its civilian counterparts in the State Department, as well as other U.S. departments and agencies and those around the world, Mullen said.

Another YouTube question may offer an answer to getting to know the Afghan people better. From Arizona State University, the Consortium for Strategic Communications is working in communications, political science, and religious studies to achieve a greater understanding of Mideast cultures. The interdisciplinary scholars wanted to

know how to make their research usable for those on the ground in Afghanistan.

Mullen said he was intrigued by the implications of the group's question, but told them he needed more information before he answers.

"The question for me would be how I might best be able to connect with you in that regard, with where you are in terms of what you're learning, and how I could then put that into curricula and connect you with both instructors and men and women in uniform who could use that," he said. "The communication piece, the cultural adaption piece, the listening ... the seeing the challenges through other peoples' eyes – absolutely vital, and I think you could bring a lot with respect to that."

The other two questions for the chairman had to do with the H1N1 flu vaccination and a homeowner's assistance program.

The first came from an Army staff sergeant in Germany interested in whether the new H1N1 flu vaccine would be mandatory for servicemembers. Mullen said it would be, and that he anticipates the vaccine being available in about a month for service-

members and their families. "There are an awful lot of indicators this year that this will be a very intense flu season [that's] longer than other flu seasons," he said.

"So it is important that everybody gets this."

The last question came from an Army specialist at Fort Bliss, Texas, who wanted to know when the rules for the military's homeowner assistance program would be published in the Federal Register. The program was announced in May, he said, but because the rules aren't available, no applications have been processed, and many military families have been affected by the delay.

"The act was passed to try to assist those who are obviously in a position to try to buy a house and look for ways to also defer or make up for some losses in a house if you're going to sell it," Mullen said. "In fact, it is law, but when you have a law like this, what happens is the Office of Management and Budget and the affected agency – in this case, it's the Department of Defense – have to work out the details of this."

"I regret that it has been delayed," Mullen added, asking

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

The Action Line is an integral part of the base feedback network. Base personnel are urged to use the chain of command first to address their concerns.

If you are not satisfied with the response from your chain of command, or you are unable to resolve the problem or concern, call (609) 754-3247. Action lines may be made anonymously, however it is recommended you leave your name and number in case more information is needed to address your concern.



Col. Gina Grosso
Joint Base Commander

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Col. Patrick Slowe
Fort Dix Commander

Log on to ICE and let us know how we are doing at <http://www.ice.disa.mil>. Click Army CONUS then click Fort Dix.

Vehicle crashes drive off-duty fatalities

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS), Sept. 11, 2009 – Four servicemembers died in off-duty accidents during Labor Day weekend, bringing to 93 the number killed during the summer season that kicked off Memorial Day weekend, safety officials reported.

Two Soldiers, a Sailor and an Airman died in vehicle accidents during the Labor Day weekend, which marked the unofficial end of summer that, historically, sees a spike in vehicular and recreational accidents.

Twenty fewer servicemembers died compared to last year, with Army, Navy and Marine Corps officials all reporting fewer off-duty fatalities.

But just as in 2008, car, truck and motorcycle accidents continued to take the heaviest toll across the board.

The Air Force was the only service to see an increase in off-duty fatalities between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, 22 compared to last year's 17.

Five of the Airmen were killed on motorcycles. Thirteen, including the one killed during the Labor Day weekend, died in four-wheeled-vehicle accidents, reported Paul Carlisle, deputy chief of the Air Force Safety Center's ground safety office.

The Army reported 40 off-duty fatalities this summer, down from 61 last year. Fifteen of the soldiers died on motorcycles, compared to 24 last year.

Jim Yonts, director of strategic communication at the Army Combat Readiness and Safety Center, said he's pleased by the decrease,

but cautioned against declaring a trend.

"While we show positive results in many safety areas, we cannot allow ourselves to be seduced by positive statistics," Yonts said. "Engaged leadership, peers and families, in conjunction with soldiers taking responsibility for their own Band of Brothers and Sisters' safety, is paramount to drive down accidental off-duty losses."

The Navy reported 20 fatalities between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, down from last year's 32. Marine Corps off-duty deaths also dropped, from 20 last year to 13 this year.

Six of the Sailors, including one who died Sept. 5, were killed in single-vehicle wrecks.

Two died in multiple-vehicle accidents and five on motorcycles, according to April Phillips, public affairs officer for the Naval Safety Center.

Phillips attributed the trend to the new military sportbike rider course instituted after fatal crashes among these riders spiked last year. The new instruction also requires refresher training for all motorcyclists every three years to keep their skills current.

"The increased emphasis on motorcycle safety and compliance with regulation, up and down the chain of command, has really made an impact," she said.

Last year, 115 servicemembers died in off-duty accidents between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

To reduce those statistics this year, the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard launched a joint summer safety campaign before Memorial Day.

Safety chiefs emphasized the importance of everyone – servicemembers, civilians and family members alike -- to make the campaign a success.

for the questioner's patience. "We're trying to work our way through that, and hopefully, in the next few weeks to months, we'll have it in the Federal Register and you'll be able to take advantage of it."

The program is airing today on the Pentagon Channel as a special presentation, and more

virtual town halls are anticipated.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates also will answer questions in the same manner, and the White House is planning a similar interactive venue for President Barack Obama to take questions directly from U.S. troops deployed in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

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Med group rallies against flu

Capt. Pamela Paulin
87th Med. Group Public Health

Personnel from the 87th Medical Group spent 15 hours administering influenza vaccines to active-duty members at the McGuire AFB Community Center Tuesday.

Active-duty members who were unable to make the vaccine blitz at the community center can follow up with the immunization clinic.

"We've received the allotted shipment of vaccines and want to act quickly," said Lt. Col. Karen Scalfani, 87th Medical Operations Squadron commander. "Our goal is to get all active-duty personnel vaccinated by the first week of October to allow us to begin family-member vaccinations soon after."

Yearly flu vaccination begins in September – or as soon as vaccine is available – and continues throughout the flu season into December, January and beyond. While flu outbreaks can happen as early as October, the flu typically peaks early February.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Flu viruses are spread from person to person when infected persons cough and/or sneeze, releasing germs into the air. People may also become infected by touching surfaces with flu viruses on them and then touching their mouth or nose. Those infected can infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to one day after symptoms resolve. This means you may be able to pass the flu to someone else before you know you are sick.

Flu-like symptoms include:

- Fever greater than 100
- headache



Carlos Cintron

TO THE POINT -- From left, Col. Brian O'Connor, 621st Contingency Response Wing commander; Col. Gina Grosso, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst commander; and Col. Scott Smith, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, receive flu vaccinations at the 87th Medical Group Immunizations Clinic Sept. 14. Senior Airman Lisseth Romero, 87th Medical Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Kacie Whye, 87th MDOS; and Staff Sgt. Jesus Amador, 87th Aerospace Medical Squadron, administered the vaccines.

- extreme tiredness
- dry cough
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle aches
- sore throat
- vomiting
- sometimes diarrhea

Prevention is key; the best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated.

Annual immunizations are mandatory for all active-duty personnel, including Guard and Reserve.

Seasonal flu vaccines will not provide protection against 2009 H1N1 influenza (sometimes called swine flu). Vaccines to prevent the 2009 H1N1 virus are not yet available; but are expected

to be available by mid-October 2009.

Questions may be directed to the Public Health office at 754-9356 or the Immunizations Clinic at 754-9209. Influenza and vaccine information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/nip.

Simple changes make big savings

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

How many Soldiers does it take to change a light bulb?

The answer to that question should be, "I'm not sure, but however many it takes, it's worth it."

That's because swapping just one incandescent light bulb for a Compact Fluorescent (CFL) bulb will not only help save the environment, but also save money in the long run.

Such is the idea behind Operation Change Out, a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Defense and Department of Energy that has been ongoing on Fort Dix and across the country since April 2008.

The goal of Operation Change Out is to encourage every serviceman and woman to

replace at least one incandescent light bulb with a CFL alternative in each residential unit at participating military installations.

"We're helping to support the federal energy efficiency goals," explained Jennifer Armento, an ecologist with Fort Dix Natural Resources. So far, Fort Dix alone has eliminated the emission of 219,000 pounds of greenhouse gases and saved more than \$17,000 in energy costs just by installing more efficient Energy Star-qualified CFL bulbs.

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy. The Energy Star label can be found on major appliances, office equipment, home electronics and, of course, CFL bulbs. Some Energy Star-qualified homes may even receive a federal tax credit.

"Change a bulb, make a dif-



ference," Armento said. "We've changed all nine in my house."

According to an Operation Change Out press release, switching just one incandescent light bulb to an Energy Star-qualified CFL bulb in every on-base housing unit in the United States would save \$7 million over the life of the bulb while preventing the emissions of more

than 95-million pounds of carbon dioxide from electricity generators.

(Information to follow on obtaining CFL bulbs from United Communities).

Please note that CFL bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, and should be disposed of properly. Fort Dix residents can (information to follow on post recycling). Local recycling facilities can be located by visiting www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling.

For more information about Operation Change Out and the Energy Star program, visit www.energystar.gov/oco.

Police Log

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of Sept. 7 - 13.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Check-point Number.

●Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed two occupants, both Soldiers assigned to Fort Dix, had a verbal dispute that did not escalate into violence.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to a motor vehicle crash on Cookstown Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, entered the soft shoulder along the road, struck a pole, and then a tree. The subject, complaining of back pain, was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC for further treatment. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Nashville Street. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck a parked vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5652. Investigation revealed a taxi van, operated by a civilian NAFD, rolled over the right foot of a pedestrian. The victim was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC for further treatment.

●Police responded to a report of wrongful damage of private property in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had painted graffiti on a vehicle owned by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix. Investigation continues.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered the operator, a Fort Dix contract employee, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●While processing a visitor at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. Further investigation revealed the vehicle had suspended registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Camden. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. While at the station, the subject appeared disoriented. Fire Department and emergency medical personnel responded, but the subject refused medical treatment. Camden was contacted and issued a new court date. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a report of a disabled vehicle on Nick Grand Street. Investigation revealed a crane, operated by a contractor was disabled and could not be moved. Traffic was rerouted. On the following day, the crane was removed from the roadway. Environmental and Fire Department personnel cleaned up a small hydraulic fluid leak. While working on the crane, another contractor fell and suffered head and neck injuries. The victim was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC for further treatment.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP#9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP#9, police discovered a passenger in the vehicle, a civilian NAFD who fled off post on foot, had an active warrant out of Florida. The State Police were contacted, and subsequently located and arrested the subject.

●Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed a lawn ornament, owned by an occupant, was burned by person(s) unknown. A neighbor had discovered the ornament on fire and extinguished the fire with a hose. Investigation continues.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5913. Investigation revealed dust from sweeping had caused the alarm.

●There were three expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 16 Magistrate Court Citations issued for violations. DWI incidents remain at nine for the year.

Soldier sentenced

On Aug. 7, 2009 at the Fort Dix Courthouse, 1st Lt. Rene E. Surgi pleaded guilty to several charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, including three specifications of Article 134 (Fratricide) and one violation of Article 92 (Failure to Obey a Lawful Order or Regulation). The presiding military judge issued a sentence of 11 months of confinement and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Surgi had previously served with the 1/143 FA in a war zone overseas.

--information provided by the office of the Staff Judge Advocate

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Commemoration

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"I felt just a smidgen of disbelief," he recounted. "It was surreal, like we were watching a film or something. We just never imagined the Pentagon could be successfully targeted. It was always targeted, we knew that. The Russians had it in their sights. We just didn't believe it would be successfully targeted."
"Our first concern was the folks on the periphery of the crash. They were in shock," Brouillard said. "Because of the heavy smoke, we really couldn't see what had happened, but we were moving people across the street. There was one master ser-

giant who had been in the control tower but went to her car for something so she wasn't there when the aircraft struck. She felt so guilty about that."
"All the cell phones were jammed and no one could call out," he recalled. "She couldn't even call her husband, who was also a Soldier at Fort Belvoir, to let him know she was safe."
Obviously fighting emotion, Slowey concentrated on praising the Soldiers and the spirit of America.
"I don't believe any other nation, or its military force, could have met that commitment on that tragic day. It was

designed to be a body blow from which we as a nation could not survive." Slowey said in his speech. "However, our adversaries should have studied our history a little closer. Sixty years earlier, we had suffered a similar catastrophic attack on the island of Oahu. And then, just as now, an Army post called Fort Dix sprang into action and prepared an Army for war and ultimate victory."
Following the commander's words, a silent slide show of scenes from 9/11 mixed with photographs of Soldiers vividly recalled the events of that infamous day. Then as Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" played, photographs of Soldiers in theater and scenes from America slowly played.

Brouillard provided placards which were placed on both sides of the sanctuary. These were original artwork from a memorial service held at the Pentagon Sept. 12, 2001. The bulletin and cards handed out were exact replicas of that ceremony's handouts. Remembering the ceremony, Brouillard quoted the speech given by Chap. (Brig. Gen.) James Spivey.

"Today we consecrate new monuments," Spivey said that day. "These also speak – no, they cry out – do not forget, America! Forever remember these whom we honor today. They were all great Americans; they were at their appointed places of duty when our nation was attacked; they courageously refused to abandon their posts; by giving their last full measure of devotion for their country, they honored their pledge to preserve our freedom."

Applying those words to the military members in the chapel, Slowey told them, "You were and are the best face of America. You maintained America's commitment to peace for another country while taking on the additional duties and responsibilities to protect our peace here at home."

"We must remember those who lost their lives in those terrorist attacks. We must remember their families, their loved ones, their sons and daughters and friends."



Lisa Evans

IN MEMORIAM -- During the Fort Dix 9/11 Ceremony at the Main Chapel, Installation Commander Col. Patrick Slowey, Garrison Chap. (Col.) Thomas Brouillard and Deputy Garrison Chap. (Col.) Wayne Kirk, from left, stand behind a sign originally displayed at the 9/11 ceremony in the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2002.

Town Hall agenda

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Poeh, who came to Fort Dix during the Kosovo refugee mission when the post was home to 4,000 Kosovars in 1999, echoed the post commander's sentiment that when the military and civilian employees on post take on a mission they do an excellent job.
The first Soldier to be assigned as permanent party on an Air Force base, Poeh said he finds himself visiting Fort Dix and "it is difficult not to have an affinity for the place," he said.
He explained that 26 installations across the United States have been compiled into 12. "We are the first one out of the box. Congress has mandated joint basing and there's no going back," he said.
The merger of three installations occurred as a result of the congressionally mandated Base Realignment and Closure commission action to reap taxpayer cost savings by combining the facilities.

As part of the Town Hall meeting, Fort Dix leaders fielded questions and provided answers. Some of the questions and answers were:

* Question: When the desk at Doughboy Inn was closed in 2003, it impacted Soldiers and their families tremendously. Now, McGuire has scheduled the closure of the front desk at Fort Dix Lodging for the first part of the 2010 fiscal year and there is only one central desk at the McGuire AFB main lodging office. If you are not familiar with the base's lodging office, it is beautiful and new but sits back off the road and is hard to find, especially at night. How do we prepare the Soldiers and their families for this change?
* Response: (Fort Dix Morale, Welfare and Recreation) The lodging signage is actually very good. Guests arriving at either McGuire gate or the passenger terminal should have no problem seeing them. Obviously, prior to closing the Dix reception desk, the signs at the post gates will direct guests to the new desk. Customers will also receive updated information as they make reservations.

As part of the reception consolidation, a lodging shuttle to transport guests between the properties, the passenger terminal, and the visitor's center is expected to be available. The Dix lodging facility

is expected to have someone on site who will deal with bad keys and other customer service needs. In addition, we will always have someone at the Dix property who can deal with bad keys and other customer service issues. While it is understandable there may be some initial bumps, primarily for guests who've stayed at Dix before, other bases have done this transition successfully.

* Question: Why is the visitor's center only open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.? I feel it should be open at least 12 hours a day and 365 days a year. Also, why do we have a DoD police officer working behind the counter with no administrative support? Seems to me we are wasting an experienced police officer to do work that a clerk should be doing.
* Answer: (Directorate of Public Safety) The visitor's center is only open those hours due to the lack of manpower. The police officers working that detail are being taken out of hide. We have those days and times due to the amount of people we service, and we schedule our officers to cover the most busy customer periods. Police officers are working the visitor's center because they are the only people allowed to sign on to a police system (NCLC) which checks every person coming through the visitor's center. Only police officers can run this system. Also, this is being done for the protection of everyone on Fort Dix.

* Question: What is the status concerning the change to locality pay area? Fort Dix is now in the Philadelphia region; the discussed change in locality pay area would put Fort Dix and McGuire in the New York region, the same as Lakehurst. Some employees are stating that this change will take effect shortly.
* Answer: (Resource Management Office) According to the Courier Post newspaper on Aug. 8, "Rep. John Adler, D-N.J., has been involved in resolving the parity issue since taking office this year. He and the entire congressional delegation from New Jersey have written to President Barack Obama asking him to fill vacancies on the Federal Salary Council, which ultimately will decide the pay parity issue." Also, Congressman Adler's aide said they were notified that Office Personnel Management have received all required information.



photos by Ryan Morton

Col. Patrick Slowey, installation commander, center, presents a certificate to the winners of the third-quarter fiscal year 2009 Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) Outstanding Customer Service award from the Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistance Office. They are, from left, John Hollis, Karen Currin, Nancy Holman and Evelyn Perez. The ICE award recognizes various departments around the installation for customer-service excellence. These departments were presented with their awards during the Fort Dix Town Hall meeting Sept. 9.

Top performers awarded during Town Hall meeting



Cynthia Corle, left, receives the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification from Col. Patrick Slowey, installation commander, at the Town Hall meeting at Club Dix Sept. 9. Corle works in the Resource Management Office. Tiffany James and Geneva Sturdivant, Human Resources Military-ID Card section, right, win the second-quarter ICE Award for Customer Service.



Col. Patrick Slowey, installation commander, presents a certificate to the first-place honorable mention Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) winners from the Directorate of Information Management, Systems Support Division, Information Technology Service Desk. They are, from left, Dan Simmons, Reita Moran, Yolanda Acevedo, Charlie Cox, Fred Taylor and Brian Bonifazi.



Col. Patrick Slowey, installation commander, left center, presents a certificate to the second-place honorable mention Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) winners from the Directorate of Human Resources-Military, Forms and Publications/Records Management. They are, from left, Saeed Goodman and Jimmie Keyes.



Col. Patrick Slowey, installation commander, right, presents a certificate to the third-place honorable mention ICE winners from Directorate of Public Works, IAP World Services. They are, from left, Chris Mercer, Kevin Schmidt, Edward Allen, Sara Schonenberger and Jerry Parrish. Tied for third was the Training Support Center, DPTMS.

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Home school groups starting soon

Home school group sessions begin **Sept. 22**. The group meets Tuesdays at the Fort Dix Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Activities include: sports and fitness, arts and crafts and science and technology. Registration and activities are all free. Call 562-6271 for more information.

United Communities to hold open house

United Communities will hold an Open House Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to showcase the brand new junior non-commissioned officer homes on base.

The open house will be held at 3917A Forsyth Court, Falcon Courts North, McGuire Air Force Base.

For more information or directions, call the United Communities Leasing Office at 723-4290.

Newcomers Orientation scheduled

The monthly Army Community Service (ACS) Community Newcomers' Orientation will be held on Thursday, **Sept. 24** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The orientation starts at the ACS Bldg. 5201, located between 8th Street and Maryland Avenue. Lunch at Club Dix, courtesy of ACS, and a tour of the Contingency Operations Location (COL) will be provided. All newly arrived personnel from all military branches and their family members are invited to attend this informative orientation to become familiar with Fort Dix and surrounding communities. Free child care is offered through the Child and Youth Services (CYS) program but advanced registration is required. Please call the CYS Central Registry at 562-4702 to make child care reservations. For more information about the Newcomers' Orientation please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767.

Thrift shop to host Fall Yard Sale

On **Oct. 3**, the Fort Dix Thrift Shop at 6501 Pennsylvania Ave. will hold its Fall Yard Sale. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Setup begins at 9 a.m. A donation of \$10 is requested for one parking space display. Participants should bring tables. Participants may register in advance at the Thrift Shop during our regular hours or may leave requests at 723-2683. The Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that date.

BX/PX sweepstakes, savings await military retirees

As part of its annual "Still Serving" weekend, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) will salute former Soldiers and Airmen by offering unique specials and events at BXs and PXs worldwide today through Sunday.

AAFES' "Still Serving" sales and benefits information flyer is already arriving in the mailboxes of more than one million Army and Air Force retirees. The flyer offers exclusive savings on a wide variety of categories, including \$50 off any HP notebook over \$699, up to \$70 off a set of new tires in addition to several meal deals at the food court.

In addition to the savings available at "brick and mortar" exchanges, authorized shoppers will also find details of the "Salute to Your Service" sweepstakes at www.aafes.com. Online giveaways during the event are set to include an Apple 8GB iPod, laptop computer, four-piece luggage set and a Dyson bagless vacuum cleaner, among other prizes.

Visit www.aafes.com for more information.

Hearts Apart support group meeting

Family members who are separated from their service members because of deployment, remote assignments or extensive TDY's are invited to attend the next Hearts Apart support group meeting to be held at ACS on **Sept. 22** from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch follows the meeting. Come meet other military spouses, share your military experiences and learn about activities and programs that may help you and your family better deal with long separations. For more information and registration call 562-2767.

Area retirees visit Dix info fair

More than 300 retirees from all services gathered at the Fort Dix Griffith Field House Sept. 12 for the Fort Dix Annual Retiree Appreciation Day festivities to get the latest benefit information offered to the respective veteran community.

The event, hosted by the installation's Human Resources-Military (HRM) Directorate and the Fort Dix Retiree Council, offered individuals and their spouses who served the nation as a career the most current information on benefits and services. It was also a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Attendees waited at the door before the 8:30 a.m. opening, but once inside the famous field house they were treated to a continental breakfast donated by the post's Morale, Welfare and Recreation personnel.

"This day is a way of Fort Dix taking the time to remember our veterans and retirees. Many of them, no matter how long ago they retired, are still serving. Specifically, the Fort Dix Retiree Council is one-hundred percent involved in keeping the retiree community informed," Henry Melon-Lopez, the HRM director, said.

In the county fair format, nearly 30 services, agencies and veterans organizations were on hand from providing vehicle decals to gain access to installations to veteran affairs, as well as veter-

an organizations. A silent auction was also held to provide proceeds for the retiree council.

"I come here every year to get the latest information on my retiree benefits and learn about any changes," said Frank Lepore, a retired Army veteran who attended the event with his wife, Theresa.

After nearly two hours of the retirees visiting the various informational booths and a posting of the colors by Pleasantville High School Junior Officer Training Corps cadets, the attendees received additional information regarding the Fort Dix transition to an Army Support Activity by the post commander, Defense Finance Accounting Service, and Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve, to name a few of the guest speakers.

"We are staying in business," Col. Patrick Slowey, post commander, said. "We are continuing to train the Ultimate Weapon to save the nation's wars."

Slowey explained that the present morale, welfare, and recreation program is being turned over to the joint base and such major activities such as the Fourth of July celebration are still being reviewed.

Other functions that have been provided in the past to retirees are also transitioning to the joint base. One example of the change listed in the Retiree

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Dave Moore

SIGN-IN -- Neville Thomas, Human Resources-Military Directorate, greets retirees Frank and Theresa Lepore of Collingswood during the Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day, Sept. 12 at Griffith Field House.

Talent shines at Rising Star event



Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Highs and lows dominated opening salvos at Club Dix Sept. 11 during Operation Rising Star 2009.

A field of eight contestants sang to a full-house and lots of cheering. Both the Air Force and Army boasted singers hoping to make it to Los Angeles later in the year for a recording session.

Senior Airman Quiana Fuqua, 87th Squadron, Staff Sgt. Jason Knight, 1st Bde., Mid-Atlantic Bn. recruiter, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner, Headquarters/Headquarters Company, Mobilization Readiness Bn., Sgt. Christina Kennelly, HHC, 28th Combat Aviation Bde., human resource specialist, and Octaver Robinson, Alisa Piteo, April Dingle, and Monica Casas, wives of Air Force members, all sang a cappella this first round.

The judges brought years of experience in the music field to the table. Judges Sgt. Maj. Rodney Little, 75th Division, Chico Bradley, music director for the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and Angela Starkey, intern with Time Warner, rated each singer giving them feedback on what they liked and what they thought could be improved.

Turner, Kennelly, Robinson, Knight, Piteo, and Dingle won the right to move on and will compete with music accompaniment Sept. 18 at Club Dix.

For the second round, the audience and judges will vote, each contributing 50 percent, to decide the next four winners. Audience members can vote more than once if purchasing food.

Prizes at the local level pay the first place winner \$500 and advancement to the Army Wide Finals, \$250 for second place and \$100 for third place.

The unit providing the most support at the three events will receive a \$300 Spirit Award for its show of support toward service members.

TALENT PARADE -- Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner, Alisa Piteo, April Dingle, Octaver Robinson, Senior Airman Quiana Fuqua, Monica Casas, Sgt. Christina Kennelly, and Sgt. Jason Knight competed in the Fort Dix 2009 Operation Rising Star contest held Sept. 11 at Club Dix.

Gospel concert brings crowd to feet



Lisa Evans

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE -- Mary Hartsfield, Fort Dix Chapel Gospel Choir director, sings during the Gospel concert held at the Fort Dix Chapel Sept. 12.

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Praise songs rocked the Fort Dix Main Chapel Sept. 12 as special guests of the gospel service brought their talents to the chapel in an event that brought nearly a hundred enthusiasts to the show.

Jay Lane sang an old spiritual with the choir backing him, his deep voice emoting a hundred years of burdens lifted from his back. When he sang about dedicating his voice to God, he pressed his hands to his lips, an unrehearsed motion that brought tears to his eyes.

Mary Hartsfield, Gospel Choir director, stole the show. A quiet person, eager to smile, Hartsfield showcased her choir then turned to the audience and opened her mouth to sing. The voice that rolled across the sanctuary was filled with the resonance of a deep well. Evoking memories of Aretha Franklin and Ella Fitzgerald, when Hartsfield sings, the music goes into the soul, warms cold hearts, and lifts the spirit. This is a voice that

needs a wider audience. "I don't have a voice tonight, but I wanted to give you one song," Hartsfield said after she had sung. A resounding applause from the audience told her one wasn't enough, but it was all she could give.

"Mary Hartsfield did a fantastic job in preparing the Gospel Choir to sing to inspire us all with an amazing concert program," said Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub. "The Mount Olive House of Prayer came and blessed the Fort Dix community showing God's love with praise and worship. We look forward to having them back at a future date."

The guest singers did bring a lot of talent and love of music to the event. Michele Bobien and God's Gems belted out original and modern gospel tunes that brought the audience to its feet. With a voice that would fit into any gospel venue, Bobien has mastered the art of drawing the audience into the music. Leaving the stage to walk down the aisle, she waved her arms, encouraged the

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Comes full circle with Joint Base Barbara still Worthy after 45 years at Fort Dix

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Like fine wine or classic literature, Barbara Worthy doesn't get older with age but simply better.

The accountability officer with the Directorate of Logistics' Supply and Transportation Division, Worthy will fill essentially the same job slot with the Air Force come October in the Material Management Flight office. But she won't be leaving her office in Bldg. 5320. And she will be completing 46 years of stellar labor on Fort Dix come May 4, 2010.

Worthy's co-workers have benefited from standing on the shoulders of a giant. They aren't bashful about acknowledging their debts to a lady who never stopped charging.

"I remember Barbara back in the early 80s at the Directorate of Engineers when her energy level paralleled Jackie Joyner-Kersey and her attire resembled that of Patty Labelle," recalls Sheila Thompson-Douglas, traffic management specialist at DOL. "There was no stopping her when it came to work, extracurricular Post activities or helping anyone in need. She strengthened me with her knowledge and softened me with her warm smile," Sheila notes.

Installation Property Book Officer Donna Warren worked with Worthy in the Directorate of Industrial Operations (the forerunner of DOL) when both were keypunch operators and again years later in property accountability. She cherishes the experience.

One of a kind

"Barbara has taught me a lot about my duties in property accountability," confides Warren. "I don't know anybody like Barbara, she is very knowledgeable in her field and always shares her knowledge. She is very funny and extremely kind and knowing her has made my career here on Fort Dix a whole lot better," Warren says.

Born in Lakewood on Dec. 3, 1937, Barbara graduated from high school there in 1955. She was a shorthand and typing wiz and also very adept on softball diamonds.

Barbara had an early contact with Camp Dix, too. She remembers visiting her Dad, a World War II vet, when he was living in a tent on what was then called Camp Dix when she was about five years old.

Barbara married shortly after high school but connubial bliss eluded her. In 1963 the mother of three children decided to improve her family's lot by enrolling in "Pierce College in Philadelphia, taking up computer programming and systems analysis for a year." The education payed dividends, enabling Barbara to find employment with the Internal Revenue Service on Roosevelt Avenue in Philly.

Leaving IRS for Dix

But city life didn't appeal. She wanted to escape the crime and grime and did so by entering the Fort Dix workforce at the Civilian Personnel Office in 1964. Beginning as a key punch operator, Barbara taught the skill to other employees from 1965 to 1972.

"I loved reading cards," she says.

In 1972 Barbara became a supply clerk with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). "We went from stubby pencils to computers, from crayons to computers," she laughingly recalls.

In 1980 she worked at Central Issue Facility for three years under Jerry Trotto before moving back to DPW to work with Tom Lynn in 1984 and landing in her current position in 2004.

Saving children

Barbara has always been big on "save the children" programs and concentrated on forming military drill teams featuring teens and youngsters in the Lakewood area. Working with a friend, Howard Macer, a former Marine now deceased, Barbara formed the Royal Counts, Royalettes and Jr. Royalettes, giving young men and women the opportunity to stay off the streets and do something constructive.

Worthy and Macer took the teams around the state and their drill squads received national recognition in the 1970s and 80s. Worried about today's youth,



Steve Snyder

STILL THE ONE -- Barbara Ann Worthy has lost precious little of her vivacity over the years. Today, she awaits working for Material Management Flight under the Joint Base initiative.



courtesy photo

SAVVY VETS -- Barbara escorts Operations Officer for the Directorate of Public Works, Steve Whitmore, to a function on post. She's been called the "female Steve Whitmore" because he's the only person on Dix who holds more seniority than she does.



courtesy photo

CELEBRATING -- Always ready for a party for whatever reason, Worthy is also something of a peripatetic photographer, snapping pictures with the abandon of a paparazzi.



courtesy photo

BUFFALO GAL -- Buffalo Soldiers from McGuire AFB welcome Barbara into their midst.



courtesy photo

LET IT SNOW! -- A snowstorm about five years ago dampened some spirits but couldn't cramp Worthy's style as she covets in front of DPW.



courtesy photo

SCHOOL DAYS -- In 1955 Barbara Ann Allen graduated from Lakewood High School.

Barbara intends to revive those past drill organizations by utilizing some of their graduates as instructors for a new generation.

Barbara's children are doing well, too. They're close to her in Lakewood, fulfilling every grandmother's dream. Her son Reginald lives in Lakewood as does daughter Bambi while Clarence resides in East Windsor.

Barbara has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Not bad for a working mom who blazed employment



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YOUNG BLOOD -- In 1965, 28-year-old mother of two Barbara Worthy had left the Internal Revenue Service in Philadelphia a year earlier to begin work as a key punch operator here at MacDonald Hall.

trails at Fort Dix. Worthy looks forward to working under an Air Force banner in joint base operations. She's come "full circle," and working with new people is just another challenge.

Historian Thomas Carlyle wrote "Nothing that was worthy in the past departs..." He must have been thinking of Barbara.



file photo by Steve Snyder

PROUD PATRIOT -- Worthy waves the flag on Sept. 11, 2008, making no bones about where her sympathies lie.

All courtesy photos supplied by Barbara Worthy unless otherwise stated.



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TAKING CARE OF SOLDIERS -- Worthy's charm pierced even the hardest military heads as witnessed above when the 1079th Garrison Support Unit's 1st Sgt. Richard Font cracked a smile during Soldier's Day at Mann Park in 2004.



courtesy photo

CHAPEL HONORS -- Chap. (Col.) Frederick Schoenfeld bestows honors upon Barbara Worthy for her tireless volunteer work completed for the post chapel. Barbara issued furniture and did just about everything at chapel events, helping make them memorable, indeed.

Soldier lauded for service to women's rehab facility

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

One Army Reserve Soldier who has taken the Army Value of selfless service to new heights received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) during a ceremony held at the Fort Dix Intermediate Level Training (ILE) facility Sept. 11.

Lt. Col. Angela Woods, a reserve ILE instructor with 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 104th Division (Institutional Training), earned the award by volunteering countless hours during the past four years at Re-Entry Ministry, a rehabilitation home for women addicted to drugs and alcohol.

"When I can be there, and when I can help out, I'm there," said Woods, who works as the associate director for training development for Generations Plus/Northern Manhattan Health Network in civilian life. "We each have something to give."

Woods had much to give in the way of computer savvy and leadership experience, helping to develop Re-Entry Ministry's mission statement, business plan, and Web site, among other accomplishments.

"To be able to take that (knowledge and experience) and

give that to them, that was the most rewarding thing," she said. Woods first got involved with Re-Entry upon her return from a tour in Iraq in 2005.

"In the military, you're kind of a public servant already," she said. "I'm grateful for my experience in Iraq."

The folks at Re-Entry Ministry were also grateful for Woods volunteer service, writing a three-page document that led to her receiving the MOVSM.

"The organization is much, much better off for her work," said Lt. Col. Brian Miller, a fellow ILE instructor with the 11th Battalion who deployed with Woods to Iraq from 2004 to 2005.

Re-Entry Ministry, which has rehabilitated more than 250 women in the past 25 years, continues to benefit from Woods' work, but she gives all the credit to those who work day in and day out helping women in need.

"I couldn't do what they do on a daily basis," she admitted.

"These people give so much more than I'm giving — they should be getting the awards."

"To be part of that really humbles you," she added.

More information on Re-Entry Ministry, can be found by visiting the Website, www.reentryministry.org.



Shawn Morris

WELL EARNED -- Lt. Col. Angela Woods, a reserve ILE instructor with 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 104th Division (Institutional Training), right, receives the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) during a ceremony held at the Fort Dix Intermediate Level Training (ILE) facility Sept. 11.

Jewish holidays to be celebrated on installation

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Public Affairs Staff

Sundown, Sept. 18, marks the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and first of what are known in the Jewish faith as the High Holy Days.

Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the "Day of Judgment" and is observed on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. It is also observed as a day of rest and activities that are prohibited in Jewish law for the holiday Shabbat are also prohibited on Rosh Hashanah.

This time also marks the beginning of what are known as the "Ten Days of Repentance," which includes Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the most solemn and important of all Jewish holidays, and the days in between the two holidays.

During this time, it is custom for Jews to sit down and have a traditional Rosh Hashanah dinner, attend services, meditate, and ask for forgiveness from anyone they've wronged over the last year.

According to Jewish law, judgment on each individual is pronounced on Rosh Hashanah, but is not made absolute until Yom Kippur, known as the Day of Atonement.

The days in between are registered and used as an opportunity to mend one's ways to pronounce or alter judgment in one's favor. Many Jews from around the world attend services at temples and synagogues at various times during these days and an

instrument made out of a ram's horn called a shofar is blown. The blowing of the shofar is intended to awaken the listener from his or her "slumber" and alert them to coming judgment.

By tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a "book" on Rosh Hashanah and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. During the days of repentance, a Jew tries to amend his or her behavior or ways and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God and other human beings.

Yom Kippur is then set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt, and at the conclusion, one is considered absolved by God.

Yom Kippur comes at sundown Sept. 27 and goes until the nightfall the following day, lasting approximately 25 hours.

Traditionally, Jews fast throughout the day and attend prayer services. Also, many Jews hold a break-the-fast at friends' homes to officially renourish.

McGuire Air Force Base will host Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the Community Center on East Arnold Avenue, across the street from Chapel One, starting Friday, Sept. 18, at 6:50 p.m. Services will also be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m.; 6:40 p.m., and 7:40 p.m.

Additional services will be held Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9 a.m.; 6:40 p.m., and 7:55 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 27, at 6:35 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. The High Holy Days will also be observed.

Gospel concert

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audience to sing with her, broke her singing to praise God, then went right back to singing without missing a beat.

"I loved it here. Everyone is so nice. I hope we can come back again," Bobien said of the welcome the musicians, congregants and leaders of Fort Dix Chapel offered to the guests.

The musicians, a mix from Fort Dix and the Mount Olive House of Prayer, Tabernacle of Purpose, were skilled in rolling with Bobien.

They deftly managed to change keys, fill pauses where she was talking instead of singing and started with her as if by telepathy when she began singing again.

Rosie Mendoza sang quieter songs, more low-key and bluesy, and then shifted into a fast-paced song she made into a round with the backup singers and the audience.

Her sultry voice was better suited to the quieter tunes, but she was able to hold her own when the pace picked up.

Finishing off the evening,

kudos were offered to Fort Dix Chapel's Betty Carter.

After cooking all day, Carter presented a feast to satisfy any appetite.

From sliced beef to fried chicken and all the trimmings, there wasn't a body who wasn't satisfied and who didn't find room for the sheet cake that polished off the evening.

Dix appreciates retirees

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Appreciation Day handout reported that the post Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance Office located in Building 5418

will become a part of the transition effective Sept. 30. As part of the presentation, Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvia P. Laughlin, the post command sergeant major of Fort

Hamilton, N.Y., rallied the retirees to a "Hooah!" as she thanked them for their service to the country and for making things better for today's military.



Dave Moore

CLOSING CEREMONY - Retired 1st Sgt. Richard Pinter plays taps to close the Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day event that was held at Griffith Field House Sept. 12. Standing at attention for the ceremony are Col. Patrick Slowey, post commander; Col. George A. Waters Jr., chairman of the Fort Dix Retiree Council; and Chap. (Col.) Thomas H. Brouillard, installation chaplain.

Honors and Awards



Lt. Col. Leon Dyer and Staff Sgt. Donald Smith, 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Detachment 12 commander and acting first sergeant, left, fasten the detachment's Yellow Banner to a line which will be hoisted overhead at Fort Dix's Infantry Park during a ceremony prior to leaving for their unit's deployment to the Horn of Africa Aug. 31. The 353rd's home is Staten Island, N.Y. On the right, Capt. Tracey Frink and Staff Sgt. Anaidy Claudio, 203rd Public Information Detachment commander and acting first sergeant, prepare to raise their unit's Yellow Banner above Fort Dix's Infantry Park prior to leaving for an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission in Kuwait Aug. 31. The public affairs specialists from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, will be supporting ARCENT and CENTCOM



photos by Ryan Morton



photos by Lisa Evans

Capt. Andrew Zeltwanger and 1st Sgt. Michael Holyfield of the 363rd Military Police Company, Grafton, W. Va., at left, display the unit's Yellow Banner in a ceremony held at Sharp Field Sept. 5. The 363rd is headed to Iraq to assist in training Iraqi police during a Police Transition Team mission. First Sgt. Victor Williams, Sgt. Maj. Eric Cooke, and Lt. Col. Lisa Schieferstein, center, of the 389th Combat Support

Sustainment Brigade out of Fort Totten, N.Y., show off the unit's Yellow Banner at Sharp Field Sept. 5. Lt. Col. Raimundo Figueroa and Sgt. Maj. Francisco Mari of the 1st Mission Support Command, Detachment 1, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, right, accept a Yellow Banner in a ceremony held at Sharp Field Sept. 5. The detachment is deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Lisa Evans



Ryan Morton



Ryan Morton

Capt. Darrel Hull and 1st Sgt. Jeff Landrum of the 252nd Military Police Company, Tennessee National Guard from Cleveland, Tenn., are presented their unit's Yellow Banner in a ceremony held at Sharp Field Sept. 5. The Soldiers from the Volunteer State will be performing duties as a Police Transition Team in Iraq.

Maj. Ryder Craddock and 1st Sgt. Gerald Santos, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Alpha Company commander and first sergeant, display their unit's Welcome Home plaque and Yellow Banner upon their return from an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission at Timmermann Center Aug. 31. The unit is from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Maj. Robert Reiner and 1st Sgt. Chris Dorsey, 448th Civil Affairs Battalion, Alpha Company, display their unit's Welcome Home Plaque and Yellow Banner upon their return from an Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment at Fort Dix's Timmermann Center Aug. 31. The unit is also from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Airmen graduate Leadership School

Congratulations to the following Airmen for graduating from Airman Leadership School Class 09-F. The development of Airman Leadership School, and all professional military education, is based upon the premise that the Air Force needs efficient leadership at all levels. ALS is the first phase of an ongoing three-phase PME program designed to gain that leadership. McGuire's ALS is a 24-day, 192-hour course which focuses on preparing senior airmen to accept greater responsibilities as supervisors and rating officials.

Staff Sgt. Trovaris Baskin
818th Global Mobility Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Charles Miller Jr.
421st Combat Training Squadron

Senior Airman Tilla Dolby
87th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Senior Airman Jessica Frazier
87th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Matthew Jones
305th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Rick Mcgettigan
305th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Jonathan Cummings
305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Squadron

Senior Airman Eric Nance
605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Zaleski
87th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Laron Strong
305th OSS

Senior Airman Jason Luebke
87th CES

Staff Sgt. Joshua Hoshauer
421st CTS

Senior Airman Patrice Gregory
305th APS

Senior Airman Michael Dyke
819th Global Support Squadron

Senior Airman Paul Barrett
305th APS

Senior Airman Justine Roatch
87th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Brandon Hodge
87th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Adragel Legarda
314th Recruiting Squadron

Senior Airman Marlon Williams
305th Operations Group

Senior Airman Justin Safrit
605th AMXS

Senior Airman Brett Peterson
305th APS

Senior Airman Nicole Elliot
87th Force Support Squadron

Senior Airman Ghyslainne Gustave
87th FSS

Senior Airman Robert Dennison
818th Global Mobility Squadron

Senior Airman Brenden Lapierre
305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Vidal Laurel
87th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Kenneth Pryor
32nd Air Refueling Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin Tavel
605th AMXS

Senior Airman Jason Pollack
305th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Francisco Martinez
605th AMXS

Senior Airman Brandon Largent
305th MXS

Senior Airman Gregory Smialek
87th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin Tavel
605th AMXS

Senior Airman Jason Pollack
305th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Francisco Martinez
605th AMXS

Senior Airman Brandon Largent
305th MXS

Award Winners:

John L. Levitow Award:
Senior Airman Patrice Gregory

Academic Award:
Senior Airman Justine Roatch

Commandant Award:
Staff Sgt. Joshua Hoshauer

Distinguished Graduate Award:
Senior Airman Nicole Elliot

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Staff Sgt. Joshua Hoshauer

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Call Army
Community Service
at 562-2767
to find out more

Community Events

Chapel Services

Fort Dix - 562-2020

Sunday Services

Main Chapel

Traditional Protestant

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Catholic

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Gospel

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School

10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Jewish Prayer Room

Room 27
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chapel 5

Bldg. 5950 Church St.

If chapel is closed
call 562-3311

to schedule a time for prayer

Protestant, Catholic,

Latter Day Saints

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Islamic Prayer Room

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COL - Chaplain's tent

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

McGuire - 754-4673

Chapel 1

Daily Catholic Mass

Monday through Thursday

11:35 a.m.

Catholic Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 p.m.

Catholic Mass

Saturdays 5 p.m.

Sundays 9 a.m.

Protestant Gospel Service

Sundays 11:15 a.m.

Chapel 2

Protestant Contemporary

Service

Sundays 9:45 a.m.

Jewish Services

Join our Rabbi chaplain for

Lunch and Learn every Monday

and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. at Chapel 1.

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New

Year) Services:

Friday, Sept. 18 - 6:50 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9 a.m., 6:40

p.m. and 7:40 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20 - 9 a.m., 6:40

p.m. and 7:55 p.m.

Yom Kippur (Day of

Attonement) Services:

Sept. 27 - 6:35 p.m.

Sept. 28 - 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

All services and holiday meals

will take place at the McGuire

AFB Community Center on

East Arnold Avenue across the

street from Chapel 1. For more

information and reservations,

call Chap. (Capt.) Rabbi

Berdugo at 754-5908.

Religious Activities

Fort Dix Chapels

Protestant Men of the

Chapel Prayer Breakfast

Fourth Saturday of each month

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Protestant Women

of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

at the Fort Dix Main Chapel

and the fourth Tuesday at

Buttonwood Hospital.

McGuire Chapels

Protestant Women

of the Chapel

meeting at Chapel 2

Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

(Wee Church Provided)

Catholic Women of the Church

Fridays 9 a.m.

Joint Base Protestant

Chapel Night

AWANA Clubs at Chapel 2

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

FMWR presents

Equipment

Resource Center

Monday through Thursday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 562-4767 for details.

John Mann

Recreation Park

Wednesday through Thursday

1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday through Sunday

1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Paintball at Range 14

Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. to noon and

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CLUB DIX

723-3272

Hours of Operation

Smokehouse

Restaurant

Lunch Served

Tuesday through Friday

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday to Monday

Blue Room

Wednesday

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday through Tuesday

Closed

Computer Lab

Monday and Tuesday

7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday

7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday

Noon to 10 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Java Café

Monday through Friday

7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bingo Nights at

the McGuire Club

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. every

Monday and Wednesday evening

at the Club on McGuire Air

Force Base.

Early Bird starts at 6:45 p.m.

and features a variety of games

including a progressive number

jackpot of \$2,000, consolation of

\$200. Call 754-2396.

Griffith Field House

Building 6053

562-4888

Combat Fitness Challenge

(Military Only)

Monday and Wednesday

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Monday

Mind & Body Yoga

Noon to 1 p.m.

Total Toning

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Gut Buster!

6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

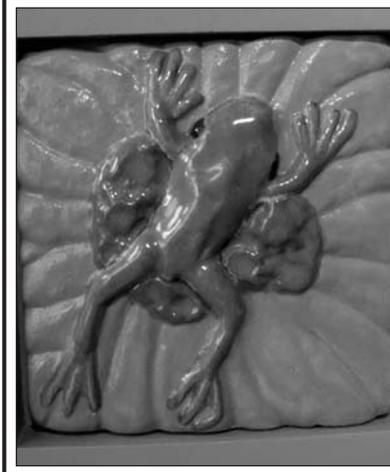
Tuesday

Retirees in Motion

9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Dance

Noon to 1 p.m.



Ceramic sculpture on display

Artist Dale A. Becker is showing his works of ceramic sculpture, including the piece at left entitled "Frog Hollow," at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Arts & Crafts Center through October. The Arts & Crafts Center is located in Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street on Fort Dix. For more information on the center, call 562-5691. See next week's edition of The Post for complete story.

Lisa Evans

Arts & Crafts Center

562-5691

Bldg. 6039

Philadelphia Street

Registration hours:

Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday

Noon to 5 p.m. and

6 to 8:45 p.m.

Friday - 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Framing Classes

Get qualified to use this great

facility and equipment! You will

complete one piece as you learn

to operate the equipment. You

are required to bring something

in to frame such as an 8x10

photo or certificate. All materials

are available at the frame shop

which will be purchased at the

end of class. Saturday, Septem-

ber 12, 9am-11:30am or

Wednesday Sept. 9 - 6 p.m. to

8:30 p.m. (Pre-registration fee

of \$10 is required prior to class.

Materials not included.)

Krafty Birthdays

Parties include up to two

hours of party room use, one

craft project with instruction and

all materials, with many exciting

projects to choose from. When

making party reservations,

please make sure to select the

craft and make payment.

Sony Picture Station

Do it yourself instant, high

quality prints are easy to create

and affordable too. Sizes are

available from wallets to 8" x

10". Personalize your prints with

wording, borders, picture col-

lages, scrapbook pages, cards,

calendars, and more. Just slip in

the card from your digital cam-

era, or a photo CD, and you're

ready to print. Scan some old

photos and burn them onto a CD,

or just copy onto a CD from your

memory card. This machine does

it all.

Create-A-Critter

Adorable critters to stuff. It's

easy and fun. Choose from an

assortment of critters: Bears,

puppies, unicorns, frogs, tigers

and a whole lot more. You can

even add an outfit. Create

designs for T-shirts and canvas

backpacks.

Stop in today and have tons of

fun stuffing a plush animal or

take one home to stuff or give as

a gift. Critter Birthday Parties

also available.

Joint Base Library

2603 Tuskegee Airmen Avenue
754-2079
Hours of operation

Monday through Thursday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When registering for a library

account, you will need to show

proper I.D. A Patron Registration

form needs to be filled out with

sponsor information.

Joint Base Library events

Tree House Club for Boys

meets the first and third Monday

of each month from 4:30 to 5:30

p.m. Readings will follow with

discussions and projects correlat-

ing with the Tree House Club for

Boys reading series. This is open

to boys from 7-10 years of age.

Serious about Series meets

the first and third Wednesday of

each month at 3:30 p.m. Partic-

ipants will read different series of

books followed by an activity

that goes with the series. Open to

girls in first grade and up.

Children's Story Time is

held every Thursday at 10 a.m.

The Teen Reading Group

meets every Thursday from 6 to

7:30 p.m.

The Professional Military

Book Discussion will be held

the first Thursday of every

Greater stability needed, Reserve chief says

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Sept. 15, 2009 — As the Army draws down in Iraq and focuses increasingly on Afghanistan, the Army Reserve chief said he's preparing his troops for the demands likely to be made of them -- and urging Army leadership to give them the predictability their dual Citizen-Soldier lives demand.

"We have to be very careful that we don't jerk reserve soldiers around," Army Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz told American Forces Press Service, adding that he's been adamant in reminding Army leadership about that. Because they have obligations to their civilian employers as well as the military, reservists can't be asked to do abrupt about-faces without sufficient planning time, Stultz said, whether it's dedicating them to a

deployment or making a mission change. Ideally, Stultz said, deploying units should know when and where they are going, and what mission they'll be conducting, six months out. "In other words, don't have me put a unit in place, getting ready to go to Iraq, and at the last minute say, 'No, we don't need them,' and turn them off," he said. "Those soldiers are preparing their civilian lives, their jobs,

their apartment leases, etc. You have to be very careful as you look out ahead and say, 'If we look like we are going to off-ramp a unit, you've got plenty of time to let them know, to get their lives together.' "Likewise," he continued, "don't off-ramp them for Iraq and then a month later on-ramp them for Afghanistan. Let's be smart enough to say, 'If we are not going to need this capability here, do we need it somewhere else?'"

Whenever he meets with Army reservists, whether state-side or in the combat theater, Stultz said he cautions them not to assume the drawdown in Iraq will have an immediate impact on them.

"I don't want to set false expectations," he said.

Army reservists will continue to have an important mission in Iraq, even as combat forces draw down, he said. "We are the enablers, the combat support and service support forces," he said. "We are always the first to go in. We are always the last to go out."

"So even if you have a draw-down of forces in Iraq, you are going to have to have some kind of force there to draw it down. And you are going to have some kind of force there to maintain a footprint for what is going behind," he said. "So that is going to be the enablers."

Similarly, Stultz said, Army reservists will have a key responsibility for supporting any force buildup in Afghanistan.

"One of the first requirements you have is for the enablers to get in there and establish the footprint for the combat forces to fall in on," he said.

Stultz was here for the Sept. 12 ribbon cutting of a new Army Strong Community Center to serve reserve-component as well as active-duty families who don't live near a major military installation. The center, the first of what Stultz said he hopes will be many community-based "virtual installations," will support families he calls critical to Reserve soldiers' readiness.

Stultz used his visit here as an



courtesy photo

BETTER PLANNING -- Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Army Reserve chief, is working to give deployed Reserve Soldiers better stability as they prepare for future missions.

opportunity to highlight the role not only families, but also communities and employers, play in the Army Reserve's success.

The military signed a community covenant with the city of Rochester to galvanize community support.

Stultz also welcomed two new members into the Army Reserve's Employer Partnership Initiative, which helps the Army Reserve and civilian employers share the same skilled work force. The Builders Exchange of Rochester and Monroe County Sheriff's Department both signed on to the program, joining more than 500 other employers around the country now participating.

Stultz said he's been amazed by the "overwhelming" response to the employer partnership. More employers who learn about the program contact the Army

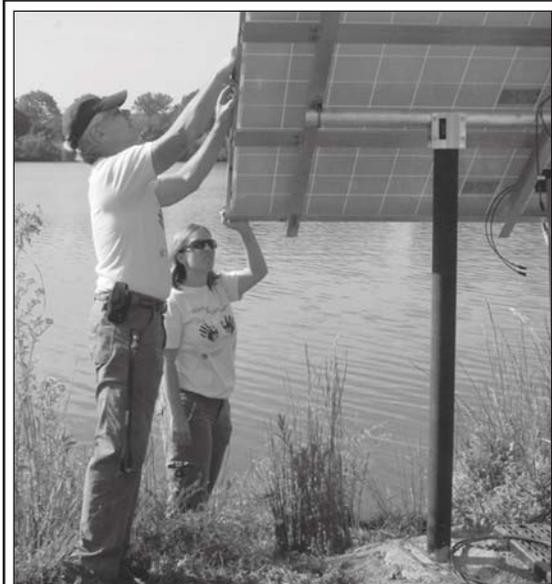
Reserve every week, asking how they, too, can tap into the skills Army reservists offer, he said.

"It's kind of like the perfect storm," Stultz said of bringing together Reserve soldiers, their families, local employers and community leaders in a single event.

"We did the community covenant signing, so the community said, 'We're here for you.' We cut the ribbon on the Army Strong Community Center that says, 'Here is where the community can plug in [and provide support].'"

Meanwhile, the ribbon cutting demonstrated to families that the military is going to take care of them, and to reservists that if they're deployed, they know their families have that support system in place, he said.

"What a great day for the Army," he said.



Jennifer McCarthy

Powered by the sun

Roger Smith and Jennifer Armento, Fort Dix Environmental Office, adjust the solar panel for the new aerator at Dogwood Pond Sept. 15. The aerator will provide oxygen for the pond and prevent algae blooms.

SPORTS

FCI captures softball championship

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Behind a two-home run effort from Jack Balmer, FCI captured the 2009 Fort Dix Intramural Softball championship with a 10-6 victory over Free Agents Sept. 9.

This is the third consecutive year these two teams have met in the championship round with FCI winning each of those years.

According to Chris O'Donnell, the Fort Dix sports coordinator, the competition between these teams and around the league as a whole has been top-of-the-line.

"This was the best season yet. We had more teams, there was more competition, and it's been a lot of fun," said O'Donnell.

For Free Agents, they still feel good about their season and what they've accomplished.

"We had a great season. It was very successful," said Edwin Gonzalez, Free Agents, who had two in-the-park home runs.

"We have great chemistry and attitude. Everybody picks each other up and we really enjoy the team we have. There's good support. We always feel confident, but just came up a little short," he said.

The majority of each team looks to be returning next season with it being presumably a more competitive league with Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base combining as part of the joint-base merger.

"We anticipate next year having double the teams with even better competition and more fun," said O'Donnell.

(Editor's note: Free Agents had different team names the past two years. Last year they were City Coffee and in 2007 they were the Steele Angels.)



CHAMPS -- The FCI team displays its championship trophies after their 2009 intramural softball 10-6 triumph over Free Agents Sept. 9. FCI also won the regular season and preseason titles.



DOUBLE VISION -- Jack Balmer, FCI, connects on one of his two home runs on the day to help lead his team to victory.

photos by Ryan Morton



REACHING OUT -- Edwin Gonzalez, Free Agents, swings hard for one of his two home runs. His team finished runner-up to FCI during the preseason, regular season, and postseason.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Energize with Combat Fitness Challenge

Maximize the benefits of standard physical fitness training at the Griffith Field House.

The Combat Fitness Training Challenge, held every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., is an intense military-style group workout given by certified Griffith Field House personal trainers and Army master fitness trainers of all levels.

The class includes running, military-style calisthenics and drill exercises, cardio kick boxing and more.

Call (609)562-4888 for more information.

Tunnel to Towers Run is near

The seventh annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk will take place Sept. 27. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and participation in the run is free for active duty Soldiers. Word is still awaiting on Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

The Tunnel to Towers Run is a fundraiser done annually to honor the memory of New York Fire Department firefighter Stephen Siller and 343 other firefighters who were killed performing their duties on September 11, 2001.

The race starts at the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and goes to Operation Ground Zero, the spot where the World Trade Center Towers stood prior to Sept. 11.

The race is traditionally run on the final Sunday of each September where tens of thousands of runners raise money for vari-

ous charities including the New York Burn Center and Fallen Heroes Foundation.

Log onto www.tunneltotowersrun.org for more information or to register.

Scuba classes coming to the Fort Dix pool

If you're interested in seeing more than 70 percent of the earth, scuba diving can take you there. Come out to the Fort Dix pool and train to attain your scuba diving certification with qualified National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) when the class begins, Oct. 5. The registration deadline is Sept. 23.

Call the pool at 562-2808 for more information or you can call or stop by and see the NAUI instructors who will teach the class at the Aqua-Tech Scuba Center at 479, Route 38 West, in Maple Shade. That number is (856) 482-1996.



GIVING IT ALL -- Lou Kwartin, FCI first baseman, above, stretches to catch the ball and tag the batter charging hard down the base path. Mike Lipsi, Free Agents, right, hustles around the bases during the intramural softball championship game action at the main softball field located next to Griffith Field House.

